

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. – 46. (Canceled)

47. (Currently Amended) A method of adjusting recording time of an entertainment program, said method comprising:

selecting an entertainment program to be communicated to a user's premises, said program having scheduled start and stop times;

~~establishing~~ inputting a specifically identified start and stop time into a recorder in accordance with said ~~scheduled~~ identified start and stop times for recording said selected program at said user's premises; and

upon receipt of message from a source of said selected program and without action taken by said user, adjusting an established stop time of said ~~established recording time recorder~~ to accommodate subsequent changes in program length, said adjusting in accordance with stop times contained in said message.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47 wherein said changes in program length occur after the start time of said program.

49. – 56. (Canceled)

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47 further comprising:
transmitting for recording at said user's premises said selected program in accordance with said established start and stop times.

58. – 71. (Canceled)

72. (Currently Amended) A method for the delivery from a delivery source of entertainment programs for delayed viewing by recipients of said entertainment program, said entertainment programs having an unknown length, said method comprising:

establishing a starting time for a particular entertainment program so as to allow for the setting of a recorder at said recipient's premises for recording a delivered one of said entertainment programs starting at said starting time[[,]]; and

communicating from said delivery source to said recipient's recorder while said recorder is recording said particular entertainment program, a message when the length of

said particular entertainment program becomes ascertainable by said delivery source so as to enable said recipient's recorder to stop recording said entertainment program in accordance with said message, wherein said message contains therein stop time data.

73. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72 wherein said setting of said recorder is under the direct control of said recipient.

74. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72 further comprising:
receiving from said recipient listings of entertainment programs desired to be received by said recipient; and

wherein said setting of said recorder is under control of said delivery source based upon received ones of said desired entertainment programs.

75. (Currently Amended) A method for the recording of entertainment programs at a recipient's location, said entertainment programs received from a delivery source, said entertainment programs having an unknown length, said method comprising:

setting of a recorder at said recipient's premises for recording a delivered one of said entertainment programs starting at a time as determined by said delivery source[[]]; and

receiving by said recorder a ~~stop time~~ message containing a stop time from said delivery source when the length of said entertainment program becomes ascertainable by said delivery source so as to enable said recorder to stop recording said entertainment program at said received stop time, and wherein said stop time corresponds to the ascertained stop time of said entertainment program, wherein said message is received during delivery of said entertainment program to said user.

76. (Currently Amended) A device for the recording of entertainment programs at a recipient's location, said entertainment programs received from a delivery source, said entertainment programs having an unknown length, said device comprising:

~~means for allowing~~ memory for storing in said recorder start and stop times for allowing said recorder to record ~~to be set for recording~~ a delivered one of said entertainment programs starting at ~~a particular~~ said start time as determined by said delivery source; and

means for receiving a message from said delivery source during the delivery of said entertainment program when the length a revised stop time of said entertainment program becomes ascertainable by said delivery source ~~[[;]]~~ said revised stop time being substituted in said memory for said originally stored stop time.

~~said message receivable either during said recording of said entertainment program or received concurrently with the end of said entertainment program; and~~

~~means for allowing said recorder to stop recording in accordance with said message.~~

77. – 78. (Canceled)

79. (Currently Amended) A method for recording TV programs at a user's premises, said TV programs delivered over a plurality of user selectable channels by a delivery source, said programs scheduled to begin at particular times, said method comprising:

setting in a recorder at said user's premises a particular channel and a particular start and stop time corresponding to a program desired to be recorded by said user; and

receiving from said delivery source a message for use by said recorder to adjust said stop time in accordance with a revised stop time as contained in said received message, said message received during receipt of said desired program by said user. ~~of said recording of said desired program, said message independent from said desired program.~~

80. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 79 wherein said message from said program source is received contemporaneous with the end time of said desired program.

81. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47 wherein said adjusting is by the transmission of a message to said user's premises, said message being transmitted independent from the transmission of said selected program.

82. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72 wherein said communicating is by a transmission to said recipient's recorder, said transmission being independent from the delivering of said entertainment program.

83. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75 wherein said stop time message is delivered to said recorder from said delivery source by a medium other than said entertainment program.

84. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 76 wherein said receiving means further comprises:
means for receiving messages independent from entertainment programs.

85. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 77 wherein said receiving further comprises:
receiving said message independent from desired program.

86. (New) A method for changing the record times of a user's recorder said method comprising:
inputting for storage in a user's recorder specific start and stop times of a particular program to be delivered to said user from a program source; and
without action being taken by said user, receiving from said program source a message to delay a stored stop time for said particular program.

87. (New) The method of claim 86 further comprising:
without action being taken by said user, receiving from said program source a message having contained therein a new stop time for said particular program.

88. (New) The method of claim 87 wherein said delayed stop time message and said new stop time message are a combined message.

89. (New) A method for changing the record times of a user's recorder said method comprising:

inputting for storage in a user's recorder specific start and stop times of a particular program to be delivered to said user from a program source;

without action being taken by said user, receiving, during receipt of said particular program and prior to a stored stop time, a message containing within said message a revised stop time for said particular program; and

without action being taken by said user, storing in said recorder said revised stop time for said particular program.

90. (New) The method of claim 89 wherein said revised stop time message is sent from a program source.